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Online survey seeks input on Dover transportation

Do you travel by foot, bike, car, bus or other means in the City of Dover? Do you often think, "I wish I could tell someone what I think about traveling in Dover" (good, bad or indifferent)? Have you ever been driving from one place to another, and thought, "I'd walk, ride my bike or take the bus here if..."? The City of Dover is looking for your thoughts.

Earlier this year, the Planning Board created a Steering Committee to oversee an update of the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan.

"Dover's current chapter was written in 2000, and while it was very comprehensive and laid the framework for much of the current network improvements Dover has accomplished, we have to be diligent about reviewing and updating this important guidebook," said Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker.



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City Hall hours:**Monday-Thursday**

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center**hours:****Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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The Steering Committee recently held a public workshop to allow residents, business and property owners an opportunity to come out and speak with steering committee members, staff, and the City's transportation consultant, VHB, on transportation issues. To continue to engage the public, the Steering Committee has released a survey seeking additional feedback related to the update process. The survey can be [accessed here](#) or by using the following link:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ebxf42dgihp698yf/start>

Dave Carpenter, Dover's Community Development Planner said, "While the time required to participate in the survey will be less than five minutes, the information gained will be significant as it will help the Committee create a plan that achieves the transportation objectives outlined in visioning process that was completed in 2012."

With the completion of the Master Plan's Visioning Chapter in 2012 and the Land Use Chapter in 2014, updating the Transportation Chapter is the next step. The Transportation Chapter is intended to identify the transportation actions needed over the next ten years to realize the following vision for the City as expressed in the current Master Plan:

"Dover has an excellent and fully interconnected transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles and a public transportation system that is supportive of, and responsive to, new technology and continuous improvement.

Vision Elements

- 6.1 A walkable community complemented by citywide pedestrian, bicycle and wheel chair accessible features using appropriate benches, signs, lighting, crosswalks and bicycle racks.
- 6.2 A public transit system that serves the entire community.
- 6.3 Traffic calming measures are implemented to manage speeds and "pass through" traffic in the downtown and neighborhoods.
- 6.4 Physical and directional signage improvements designed to facilitate legal, safe traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the city."

Goals for this chapter include reviewing opportunities for traffic calming, expanding the City's Complete Street network and reviewing opportunities for mass transit in Dover. At the workshop the consulting team will have three areas for residents to give feedback and ask questions about. Each area will have maps and graphics, which can be used to generate conversation about the topic. Those three areas are:

- Traffic congestion/crash locations
- Transit/bike/pedestrian connectivity
- Neighborhoods/traffic calming/land use patterns

Dover's Master Plan can be found [online here](#).

Community members are encouraged to participate in local planning, as it is important to Dover's long range growth and development.

Parker noted, "Dover's Transportation Master Plan, along with our Vision and Land Use chapters will be instrumental in creating the Dover that the community wants to have for the next decade. We need to be proactive and thoughtful in our review and consideration of the transportation issues we face as a community, and lay out a positive path we can take to improve our transportation networks."

You can [find the survey here](#). Responses will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2015. The survey and feedback is anonymous.

For more information about the survey or the update process, contact the Department of Planning and Community Development, located in City Hall or by phone at 603-516-6008.

City offices, facilities closed Friday for Christmas

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25, 2015, for Christmas. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015.

The Public Library, McConnell Center and Recreation facilities, including the Indoor Pool, Dover Arena and Community Senior Center, will be closed on Christmas Day.

City offices will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24. The Public Library will close at 12 p.m. on Dec. 24. The Recreation Center at the McConnell Center will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24. The Dover Indoor Pool will close at 1 p.m. The Dover Arena and Dover Community Senior Center are closed Christmas Eve.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day Friday only.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Recycling Center to accept Christmas trees

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will begin accepting Christmas trees on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015, during regular hours.

Trees must be free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and tree stands or they will not be accepted.

Trees can be disposed of in the brush pile.

The Recycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.



Check out the holiday light show at Dover City Hall

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee has decorated the front of Dover City Hall with lights that dance to music playing on your car radio.

Motorists are encouraged to park in the designated 10-minute parking spots in front of City Hall, Monday through Friday, 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 10 p.m., and tune the radio to 90.5 FM to enjoy the show.

The display will last until Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

Viewers are encouraged to move along every 10 minutes to

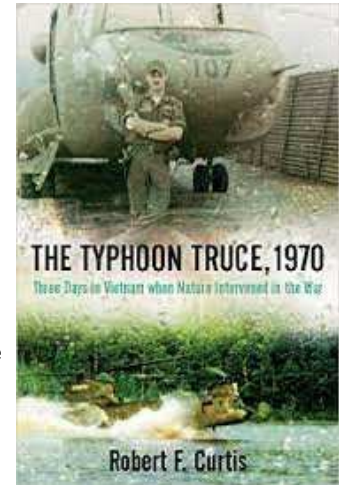
give everyone the opportunity to take in the show.

The light show was designed by Dover resident Luke Dobson, who for the past six years has created a popular light show now known as "Luke's Lights" on Overlook Drive.

Local author Robert F. Curtis to speak at Public Library Jan. 4

Local author Robert F. Curtis will speak at Dover Public Library Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. about his book "The Typhoon Truce, 1970".

The book recounts the "typhoon truce" of Vietnam in October 1970. The three-day truce took place after Super Typhoon Joan, followed by Super Typhoon Kate, caused devastation in North Vietnam and the coastal lowlands separating it from the South. The typhoons left the entire countryside under water and the aircrews of the American's 101st Airborne the only ones with the resources to help. Curtis's book examines the "brief period during an otherwise vicious war, saving life took precedence over bloody conflict".



Born in Middletown, Ohio, Curtis began his military career after gaining entry into the Army's Warrant Officer Candidate program. A FAA certified Commercial Pilot in both helicopters and gyroplanes, Curtis served as an aviator in the Army, National Guard, Marine Corps, and as an exchange officer with the British Royal Navy. After service in Vietnam, he graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and later completed a Master's Degree in Procurement and Acquisition Management from Webster University. His military awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and 23 Air Medals. Curtis has published articles in the Marine Corps Gazette, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Aircrewman's Journal TACAN. He currently resides in Exeter with his wife.

The program is free and open to the public. Copies of the books will be available for sale and signing afterwards.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050. Library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Your City needs you!

City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

Fourth and Grove streets intersection now all-way stop

Following a vote by the City Council to amend the City code, the intersection of Fourth and Grove Streets has been converted from a two-way stop to an all-way stop.

Police have installed temporary warning signs on barricades in both directions on Fourth Street. These signs will remain in place for several weeks.

For more information, contact the Police Department Traffic Bureau at 742-4646.



Dover Holiday Parade 2015

Miss the holiday parade? Catch it again online and on Channel 22


The 2015 Holiday Parade, organized by the Dover Children's Center, was held on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015. If you missed the parade, or would like to enjoy it again, it can be viewed online (click on the video above [or here](#)) and on Channel 22.

To view the program guide for Channel 22, [click here](#).




The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.


For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



Dec. 25, 1692 - A doeful and tremendous noise was affirmed to be heard in the air nigh Capt. Gerrish's garrison, which continued with a little intermission near half an hour.



Dec. 26, 1792 - The rage for Bridge building has increased to such an amazing height that we learn it is in contemplation to erect one from Dover over the Bloody Point ferry to Newington - and that lots are now selling to build a city on the beautiful peninsula leading to the ferry. (Dover Phoenix)



Dec. 26, 1810 - This Wednesday evening, at 9 o'clock, the inhabitants of Dover were alarmed by the cry of fire. It commenced its destructive progress in a large building owned by Samuel Bragg, Jr., printer, in the bindery on the lower floor, the upper story of which was occupied by Mr. Bragg as a Printing Office and Bookstore, and the remainder of the ground floor was tenanted by Messrs. Philemon Chandler, shop-keeper, and Jesse Varney, morocco shoemaker. On the first discovery the Bindery, which was full of books, and loose paper, appeared completely enveloped in flames and before means could be possibly taken for alarming the citizens the stair-case leading to the Printing Office and Bookstore were shrouded in a sheet of fire. The conflagration from room to room was rapid beyond conception: and although the inhabitants who were in large numbers assembled in a few minutes made every exertion in the power of mortals to arrest the velocity of this devouring element, the whole building soon exhibited one column of flame, ascending in awful grandeur to the clouds. The dwelling house of Samuel Bragg, the elder, standing within a few paces of the Printing office, after having had the fire frequently extinguished upon it in various places, at last yielded to the fury of the raging flames and in a few minutes became aheap of smoking ruins. A small dwelling house situated near the south end of the Printing office, belonging to a Mrs. Marshall, was also consumed. A large dwelling house, in one end of which was a store, occupied by Mr. Horace Parmele and family, standing near, was almost wholly destroyed by attempts to pull it in pieces in order to save the stores and buildings on the opposite sides of the streets. Providentially the evening was very calm. Not a single article was saved from the Printing office and Bookstore. A few articles from Mr. Chandler's shop, and a few articles with his account books from Mr. Varney's shoe store, were rescued. Mr. Parmele's loss was also considerable. The grateful thanks of all interested are due to the prompt, judicious and persevering exertions of the citizens and Engine company in their united endeavors to rescue the property of the sufferers from destruction and to prevent a more general devastation. The Engine company of Berwick deserve great praise for their manly endeavors to afford assistance at this awful period. Fortunately throughout this scene of consternation and amazement no life was lost, nor limb broken. The Christian and philanthropist, the wealthy of all

denominations, are earnestly besought to afford from their abundance liberal assistance to these unfortunate sufferers. No claims can be stronger on the feelings of humanity than, those of the honest and industrious whose hard earnings have been swept to destruction in a moment by the maddening power of this master of the elements. (Letter from Dover on the morning after the fire, to the Portsmouth Oracle)



Dec. 26, 1812 - John Wheeler notified the proprietors of the Dover Cotton Factory to meet at Mrs. Eydia Tibbetts' dwelling house on the 19th of Jan. 1813, at 5 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of organizing under their Act of Incorporation. The "Dover Cotton Factory" which was incorporated this year, with a capital of \$50,000, was the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in the town. As the lower falls were supposed to be fully occupied with the saw and grist mills which then stood thereon, the first Factory was built two miles up the river and was long known as the Upper Factory. Like most new enterprises it was but moderately successful to its projectors. John Williams was agent of the corporation.

CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, [click here](#).

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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